



Conch Charters

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Base Information

BASE HOURS

The office is open 8 am until 5 pm, 7 days a week. If you arrive after hours, look for directions to your boat on the door sign posted on our front office door. Your yacht will be plugged into shore power, the lights, cabin fans, refrigeration will be left on. The Pub is usually open for dinner and drinks, it is easily within crawling distance of your yacht!

TIME ZONE

The BVI is 4 hours GMT.

LANGUAGE AND CURRENCY

The language of the British Virgin Islands is English, the official currency is the US Dollars.

MARINA FACILITIES

Conch Charters is based at Fort Burt Marina. The Marina offers restrooms and showers, ice, fuel, and water dock. Conch Charters offers free dock Wi-Fi for its guests which is available in the front office. The Pub Bar & Restaurant are right next door and offer mean pain-killers cocktails and cheesy pizzas.

Cruising Area

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Sailing lanes are generally open; however, the National Parks Trust protects a number of reefs and sailing areas.

CRUISING AREA RESTRICTIONS

It is strictly forbidden to sail alone; we require a two-persons minimum on board.

CHARTS

All the charts you will need for the sailing area will be on board your yacht.

NIGHTTIME SAILING

You must be moored at least one hour before sunset and one hour after sunrise. Nighttime sailing is not allowed.

MARINAS

Fuel and water services are normally found at: Nanny Cay, Soper's Hole, Leverick Bay, Bitter End Yacht Club and Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbor. Other outlets that provide water, ice and a wide variety of provisions can be found at Cane Garden Bay, Trellis Bay, Jost Van Dyke, and other locations throughout the islands.

What to bring

PASSPORT AND VISAS

Please ensure your passport is valid for the period of travel and for six months after your return. Your passport name must match the name on the flight ticket otherwise you may not be able to travel and insurance may be invalid. If you wish to sail to the US Virgin Islands during your yacht charter you must have a US Visa and a return flight ticket to your country of origin if you are not a US Citizen.

It is your responsibility to ensure relevant visas are obtained where necessary. Conch Charters cannot be held responsible for the refusal of entry or travel due to a lack of visas. If you are in any doubt please contact your Embassy for full details.

You must fill in a Customs Declaration Form on entry to The BVI, whether you arrive by sea or air. Please note country entry/exit requirements are subject to change. Please check <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html> for the



latest information before you leave. Conch Charters is not accountable for any requirement changes.

CUSTOMS + IMMIGRATION

Before leaving the airport, you will have to clear Immigration and Customs. A landing card will be given to you on the plane, along with a Customs declaration form. It is not possible to take fresh food into most Caribbean islands and airlines will assume no liability for perishable articles that may be confiscated by Customs.

On departure from Tortola by ferry a tax of \$20 US per person will be charged please organize departure tax payment prior to getting in line at the departure gate. Departure tax at the airport is generally included in your ticket price.

Passengers travelling by air from the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport incur the following fees totaling \$50.00 on departure. Said fees are generally included in the ticket price of the airlines registered with IATA.

- Departure Tax - \$15.00
- Security Fee - \$5.00
- Airport Development Fee - \$30.00

For those airlines (Charter Operators) not registered with IATA the fees are payable at the Cashiers Window situated to the right of the airlines Check-in Counter area on the first floor of the terminal building. Make sure to get your receipt which is required to proceed through Security. Additionally, visitors arriving by air or sea incur an Environmental and Tourism Levy of US\$10 on arrival.

LUGGAGE + PACKING LIST

We would highly recommend packing prescription medicine, eye wear, and essential clothing (swimsuit, t-shirt, and shorts) in your hand luggage as occasionally your luggage may arrive at the base after you do. Please pack using soft-sided bags, as these are easier to store on your yacht. A small storage space is available at the base which can be used to store luggage while on charter.

Optional Extras

WI-FI RENTAL

Stay connected with a Wi-Fi router for the duration of your charter. Simply plug in and connect to the network and you will be posting pics online before you can say "Ready About". Please pre book Wi-Fi to ensure availability.

- Contact the Sales Team to pre-book and save with our advance reservation offer of \$14.99/day!
- Can connect as many devices as you like.
- Perfect for browsing, working remotely, or using social media.

HARD COOLER RENTAL

In addition to the free cooler, you can rent a 65 TUNDRA YETI hard cooler for the duration of your charter to keep your drinks cold and ice frozen for longer.

- Contact the Sales Team to pre-book for \$80/charter.
- Can hold up to 42 beer cans or 52lbs of ice.
- Limited availability. Please pre-book to reserve.

Prepare to cast off!

We are excited to offer a [digital version of our chart brief to watch before you arrive](#). We will still be on the docks to answer any questions you have before you set sail.

Tips and Tricks

Pre-order items to your yacht using the **name in which the booking is made**. This will help us make sure your items get delivered to the right yacht.

If you arrive after 5PM, we will leave **a sign on our office door** directing you to your yacht. The boat will be left open with the lights, fans, and fridge ON.

Use our WhatsApp service call number to message or video call us whilst on charter. The number is +1 284-343 9855 and is available during office hours. Any questions, please don't hesitate to shoot us an email to sailing@conchcharters.com

We can't wait to welcome you to our docks!!